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## PROCEEDINGS.

Greenville, N. C., October 4th, 1916.

The Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-fourth annual session with Hickory Hill church, at 10 a. m. Rev. E. Hooker introduced praise services with hymn No. 192, "Not all the blood of Beast." Rev. Hooker read Matthew 5:1-12. Prayer by Brother Narah Ellis. The brother offered thanks for the re-assembling of the Association. He begged for Divine guidance. Rev. C. D. Dew lined hymn No. 151, "Father I stretch my hand to thee". Prayer by A. R. Bryant. Rev. W. H. Bryant sang "When the Morning comes."

Rev. A. A. Smith, the Moderator, in a few remarks declared the Association ready for the transaction of its business.

The program was received.

A motion prevailed that the welcome address be deferred until night session.

Enrollment of Churches and Messengers:

Banks Chapel—Bro. C. H. Bryant, 25cts.
Liberty Grove—Bro. Andrew Bizzell, 25cts.
First Baptist, Kinston—Bros. J. H. Jones, J. W. Gorham, 25 cts. each.
Augusta Chapel—Bro. L. C. Cox, 25cts.
Patterson Chapel—Bro. W. E. Baker, 25cts.
Holly Green—Bro. J. S. Smith, 25cts.
Holly Hill—Bro. Joe Dawson, 25cts.
St. James, Kinston—Bro. G. F. Hood, 25 cents.
Atkinson Chapel—Brother J. P. Thompson, 25 cents.
Saint Delight—Bros. J. F. Evans, Gray Beaman, 25cts. each.
Rouse Chapel—Nathan Moseley, 25 cents.
St. James, Goldsboro—By letter.
Davis Chapel—Bro. Major Bizzell, 25 cents.
Cedar Grove—
Mount Pleasant—Bros. W. M. Jones, L. S. Swinson, 25cts. each.
First Baptist, Eureka—Bro. G. J. Johnson, 25cts.
Best Grove—Luke Best, 25cts.
Johnson Chapel—Thomas Braddy, 25cts.
Mount Calvary—Bro. E. D. Kornegay, 25cts.
Hickory Hill—Bro. Shade Gray, 25cts.
Hooks Grove—Bros. Mathew Fields, J. H. Aycock, 25cts each.
S. Stephens—Bro. W. M. Daniels, 25cts.
Ebenezer—Bro. Allen Joyner, 25cts.
Rountree—Bros. J. F. Bonds, E. H. Haskins, 25cts each.
First Baptist, Lucama—C. L. Battle, R. B. Bonds, 25cts. each.
Barnes Chapel—Bros. J. C. Barnes, C. C. Williams, 25cts each.
Little Creek—Bro. John Darden, 25cts.
Shady Grove—Bro. Ned Wooten, 25cts.
First Baptist, Dover—Bro. D. J. Joyner, 25cts.
Living Hope—Rev. E. Hooker, 25cts.
Penny Grove—Henry Stewart, 25cts.
Southern Grove—R. M. Robinson, 25cts.
Mary's Grove—R. R. Richardson.
Sunday School Convention.
Home Mission Convention—Sister Cora A. Smith, 25cts.
Western Union—Rev. P. B. Bonds, 25cts.
Eastern Union—Rev. C. C. Crawford, 25cts.
Fifth Union—Rev. C. D. Dew, 25cts.
Washington Branch—
Winn's Chapel—
Speight's Chapel—By letter.
Union Chapel—
Mount Zion, Kinston—Rev. H. Dudley.

The following ordained ministers paid one dollar:

Ordained Ministers—Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. R. H. Harper honorary, Rev. E. M. Croom honorary, Rev. R. M. Robinson, Rev. H. Dudley, Rev. L. H. Harris Rev. W. B. Sasser, Rev. C. H. Andrews, Rev. E. D. Hildreth, Rev. H. A. Sutton, Rev. P. B. Barnes, Rev. L. B. Bizzell, Rev. A. J. Carlton, Rev. C. C. Crawford, Rev. A. R. Bryant, Rev. C. Branch, Rev. W. H. Bryant, Rev. W. H. Mann, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. J. E. Roe, Rev. J. E. Roe Educational gift $1, Rev. C. D. Dew, Rev. E. Hooker, Rev. M. Copeland, Rev. R. B. Bizzell, Rev. Peter Beaman, Rev. J. D. Hood, Rev. I. S. Taylor, Rev. H. B. Joyner, Rev. E. T. Jones, Rev. Shade Russell, Rev. J. H. Britt 50cts., Rev. J. J. Edwards., Rev. D. B. Beaman.

Licentiate Ministers (Paid 50 ents each)—Bro. J. B. Brown, W. M. Martin, Albert Williams, F. T. Wilson, E. D. Armstrong, General Johnson, Narah Ellis, W. A. Daniels, R. R. Richardson, Henry Ballott, George Ellis, John Cobb, H. W. Wooten.

## DEACONS AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Sister Mary E. Morgan, 25 cents.

Banks Chapel—E. K. Patterson, T. I. Patterson, C. H. Bryant, A. T. Kennedy, Stephen Herring paid.

First Baptist, Kinston—J. H. Jones, J. W. Gorham, Peter Cogdell, James Hargett, E. D. Whitfield, I. P. Price paid.

Liberty Grove—J. L. Benton, Frank Bizzell, Boss Best paid.

Holly Green—J. S. Smith, Moses Broadhurst, K. J. Quinn, J. C. Cobb, Lamb Brown, Tobe Best paid.

Holly Hill—Joe Dawson, Oscar Dawson, W. M. Mitchel paid.

Atkinson Chapel—H. Draughn, C. R. Rogers, H. C. Carroll, J. P. Thompson, Paul Evans paid.

Patterson Chapel—J. S. Everett, Frank Nunn, F. R. Nunn, W. E. Baker, Jacob Baker, Bryant Swinson, paid.

Rouse Chapel—J. E. Edmondson, John Speight, George Speight, Jack Wooten, Nathan Mosely, Perry Wade, John Best paid.

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell paid.

First Baptist, Eureka—G. J. Johnson, J. T. Spruell, Rayford Ford, Caezar Ford, John A. Artis paid.

Best's Grove—Luke Best, C. Hamilton, H. D. Davis, J. H. Coor, E. C. Ford paid.

Johnson Chapel—John Hines, Robert Lucas, Thomas Drake paid.

Mount Calvary—E. D. Kornegay, Zeb Wooten paid.

Hickory Hill—J. H. Coburn, J. A. Davis paid.

Hooks Grove—Mathew Fields, A. B. Jones, J. H. Aycock paid.

Saint Stephen—A. Staton, E. L. Harris, C. Gills, Elias Armstrong, W. H. Howell, W. M. Daniels paid.

Ebenezer—W. L. Rouse, A. L. Joyner, G. Shaw, Isaac Wooten, Green Wooten, Faison Bell, Ned Wooten paid.

Rountree—W. S. Barnes, G. W. Harris, Charles Bullock paid.

First Baptist, Lucama—R. B. Bonds, Will Richardson, Columbus Battle paid.

Winn's Chapel—Jack Manley paid, Calvin Brock, Morton Crow due, Jordan Wright, J. H. Crow due.

Speight's Chapel—

Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams, J. R. Crawford, S. W. Williams, Jerry Bordy, C. H. Stokes paid.

Little Creek—J. A. Hardy, John Darden, John Ellis paid.

Shady Grove—Ned Wooten, Fred Isler, Charlie Loften, Thomas Wooten, Donas Loften, Jessie Coor paid.

First Baptist, Dover—C. C. Edwards, D. J. Joyner paid.

Living Hope—L. E. Smith, James Arrington paid.

Penny Grove—Milton May, Cann Barrow, James Mercy, Jasper Jones paid.
Mary Grove—J. H. Battle, W. Creech, paid.
Augusta Chapel—O. R. Shepard, L. C. Cox, M. J. Ford, J. Grantham paid.
Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson, B. W. Smith, W. H. Thompson, W. M. Jones, Sam Walters, J. B. Black paid.
St. James, Kinston—G. F. Hood, Will Hood, N. Aldridge, W. M. Bryant paid.
Southern Grove—Evander Harrington, Jim Southern paid.
Saint Delight—W. H. Foman, Gray Beaman, Henry King, Elias Speight, Jessie Baker, Rufus Ellis, Read Beaman paid.

Collected for annual and joining fees $44.75. Miss Annie May Vann representing the Journal & Guide, a negro paper of Norfolk, was introduced and came forward. We were encouraged by the Moderator to subscribe to her paper. Homes were assigned.
Benediction by Rev. P. B. Barnes.

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 Rev. H. B. Joyner led praise services with hymn No. 492, "Amazing Grace," etc. Rev. P. B. Barnes read Corinthians 13th. Rev. Bonds led in prayer. The Rev. pled earnestly. Second selection "My soul be on thy guard."
Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.
The roll was called and collected 50 cents.
Rev. C. C. Crawford, assisted by Rev. R. B. Bizzell, ascended the rostrum to preach the introductory sermon of the Association. Rev. Bizzell lined hymn No. 151. Rev. C. C. Crawford was introduced by the Moderator. Rev. Crawford selected for a text Nehemiah 4:6. "So built we the walls, and all the wall was joined together to the half thereof, for the people had a mind to work." Subject: A working mind. Rev. Crawford gave a minute description of the origin of the Baptist church in America. He declared the Baptist to be the strongest denomination in America. We were encouraged to work. The Reverend declared the success of our school depended on our united efforts. Our minds were carried back to the origin of this Association, back to the origin of the McDaniel School. The Reverend declared we do not pay enough money to properly run our school. The Reverend was plain and helpful in his discourse. Prayer by Bro. L. B. Bizzell.
Bro. L. S. Swinson and Bro. L. C. Cox lifted a collection which amounted to $2.05.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 we were entertained by the different brethren. Bro. W. M. Daniels led with a song. Bro. J. S. Smith led in prayer. The brother was strong in his petition. Rev. H. B. Joyner continued with a song. "A Charming Welcome" was sung by the choir of the church. Rev. W. H. Bryant, the pastor of the church, was introduced and came forward to welcome us on behalf of the church. Rev. Bryant, in high terms, made us feel welcome. Our stay in Greenville was assured to be a pleasant one.
Rev. A. R. Bryant was asked to respond. The Reverend timely accepted the welcome on the part of the Association.
Bro. J. H. Coburn, on behalf of the Sunday School spared no time in making us feel welcome. Bro. C. C. Edwards, of Dover, in very intelligent words accepted the welcome on the part of the Association.
Prof. C. M. Epps, Principal of the City Graded school, came forward to welcome us on the part of the churches of the city. Prof. Epps left no stone un-

turned. We were made to feel that the relation of the churches were such as becometh Christians.

Brother J. H. Jones timely accepted the welcome given us.

We were encouraged by the addresses coming from the different brethren.

Music by the choir.

Rev. W. H. Bryant, assisted by Rev. R. C. Carroll, ascended the rostrum to preach the Missionary sermon of the Association. Rev. Bryant led in a fervent prayer. Rev. W. H. Bryant was introduced and came forward to preach the Missionary sermon of the Association. Text Mark 28:19-20. Rev. Bryant preached a short but impressive sermon on the subject of Missions. Rev. R. C. Carroll led in prayer. The Rev. was strong in his appeal. Music by the choir. Collection by Bro. J. H. Jones and Bro. B. W. Smith amounted to $5.25. Collection for the day $52.55.

Homes were assigned. Adjourn by benediction.

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## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9 A. M. Rev. W. M. Robinson introduced services with hymn No. 81, "God moves in a mysterious way." Rev. P. B. Bonds read Psalms 18:1-38. Prayer by Rev. Bonds. The Reverend plead earnestly and offered thanks. Rev. Robinson lined "My Soul be on thy guard."

Rev. A. A. Smith, the Moderator, in a few remarks, declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and night session were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called and collected $25.75.

The Secretary made a report in regards to the delay of the Minutes, etc. The report was received and adopted.

Brother J. H. Jones made a report in regard to 1915 disbursements of the Associational funds. The report was received and adopted.

The Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith, made his annual address. The address was full of inspiration. (See the address elsewhere in the Minutes.)

The Association suspended business to hear the Sunday School sermon of the Association. Rev. H. B. Joyner, assisted by Rev. E. Hooker, ascended the rostrum to preach the Sunday School sermon of the Association. Rev. Hooker lined hymn No. 492, "Amazing Grace," etc. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Jones. Second selection 422. Rev. H. B. Joyner was introduced. Rev. Joyner selected for a text Prov. 4:5. Get wisdom, get understanding, forget it not, neither decline from the word of my mouth. Rev. Joyner declared the Sunday School to be more than the future church. He declared it to be the real church at work. We were encouraged to carry our children to the Sunday School. Bring them up in the Sunday School. Rev. Joyner spoke strong along the Sunday School lines. Prayer by Rev. Hooker. Rev. A. R. Bryant and Rev. C. C. Crawford lifted a collection which amounted to $3.50.

Adjourned by benediction.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:15 Rev. W. H. Mann introduced services by lining hymn No. 422. Rev. J. H. Britt read Isaiah 61. Prayer by Bro. J. G. Gorham. Rev. Mann continued with hymn No. 495.

Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

A motion prevailed that all Brothers absent at roll call be fined and their names be published in the Minutes. Collected for joining fees $1.00.

Committees were appointed.

At this hour the Association suspended business to hear the funeral of Sister Ida Ruffin, a member of Hickory Hill church. The funeral was pathetically eulogized by Rev. W. H. Bryant, the pastor.

After the funeral a committee on new bodies were appointed. Committee out at work.

4.45. Adjourn by benediction.

## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 praise services. Bro. R. R. Richardson led with a song. Bro. B. W. Smith led in prayer. Bro. Daniels led with a song. The Moderator called for the reports of the Auxiliaries of the Association. Rev. P. B. Bonds representing the Western Union made his report. The report was received and adopted. (See report.) Rev. C. C. Crawford reported for the Eastern Union. (See report.)

At 8 p. m., Rev. J. D. Hood, assisted by Rev. A. R. Bryant, ascended the rostrum to preach the Doctrinal sermon of the Association. Rev. Bryant lined hymn No. 161, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Rev. Bryant read 12 verses of Isaiah. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Harper. Rev. Harper was strong in his plea for Divine favors. Second selection, "Come Holy Spirit." Rev. J. D. Hood was introduced. Rev. Hood after some preliminary remarks selected for a text first Samuel 15:22. And Samuel said, hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offering and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifices and to harken is better than the fat of rams. Subject: Why I am a Baptist. Rev. Hood with very intelligent and appropriate facts defended the whys, also gave many Biblical facts defending the Baptist doctrine. Rev. Hood held his hearers spell bound with discourse. Prayer by Rev. A. R. Bryant. Music by the choir.

Bro. J. H. Britt and Bro. Ned Wooten lifted a collection amounting to $14.05.

Adjourn by benediction.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. Rev. C. D. Dew introduced services by lining hymn No. 196, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," Rev. E. Hosker read St. John 11:10. Prayer by Rev. R. M. Robinson. Rev. Dew continued with a song.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon and night session were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called and collected $1.25.

Rev. A. A. Smith, Principal of the School, made his report. The report was received. (See report.)

Rev. C. D. Dew reported for the Fifth Union.

Sister Cora A. Smith reported for the Women's Home Mission Convention. Sister Smith reported a progressive year's work. Collected for the year $5.00. Donated to the Trustees of the School $10.00. Sends to this Association $2.00.

At 11:45 Rev. H. A. Sutton, assisted by Rev. H. Dudley, ascended the rostrum to preach the Unity sermon of the Association. Rev. Dudley lined hymn No. 393. Rev. Dudley read Cor. 13 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. A. Carmon. The Rev. prayed with the Spirit. Rev. R. R. Richardson led with a song. Rev. H. A. Sutton was introduced to preach the Unity sermon of the Association. After some preliminaries Rev. Sutton selected for a text Cor. 12:14: For the body is not one body but many. Rev. Sutton preached a splendid sermon on the subject of unity. (See sermon.) Prayer by Rev. B. W. Dance. Rev. J. T. Hill, Principal of the Tar River Institute, was introduced and came before us. We were encouraged from the remarks coming from Prof. Hill.

Bro. G. F. Hood and Rev. C. C. Crawford lifted a collection amounting to $2.

Adjourn by benediction.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:35 Rev. R. H. Harper led with a song. Rev. L. B. Bizzell led in prayer. The Reverend pled for mercy and Divine favors. Bro. J. S. Smith lined "My Soul be on thy guard."

Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

Committee on Temperance made its report. The report was received and adopted. (See report.)

The various committees made their reports. (See reports.)

Dr. Dance, of the First Baptist Church, was introduced and came before us. Among the many helpful things Dr. Dance declared we needed a prepared pulpit.

Motion and carried, that all money in the Union treasuries be turned over to the Building Committee.

Homes assigned. Adjourn by benediction.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:40 Praise service. Rev. H. B. Joyner led with a song. Prayer by Rev. P. B. Bonds.

Prof. J. A. Nimmo, Assistant Principal of the McDaniel School, was introduced and came forward. Prof. Nimmo was helpful in his discourse. Prof. Nimmo is a strong educational worker.

Rev. W. B. Sasser, assisted by Rev. C. H. Andrews, ascended the rostrum to preach the Educational sermon of the Association. Rev. Andrews lined hymn No. 136. Rev. Andrews read the 90th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Brown. The brother was strong. Second selection 521. Rev. W. B. Sasser was introduced and came forward. Rev. Sasser selected for a text Hebrew 12:14-15: When ye ought to be teachers ye have need to be taught. (See Rev. Sasser's sermon on the subject of Education.)

Rev. C. H. Andrews led in prayer.

Ordination of Bro. J. H. Britt. Dr. W. H. Bryant delivered the charge. Rev. Nimmo led in prayer. Rev. Bryant presented the Bible. Rev. Bonds presented the hymn book. Rev. J. H. Britt was declared to be ordained. After which a collection.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Greenville for their hospitality rendered us.

Next session will be held at Rountree near Wilson, N. C.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brother Delegates, Ministers, and Friends of the Bear Creek Association:

It is again, that we have through the goodness and mercy of the Almighty God, met in our 44th annual session of this Association.

I came to you about thirty years ago. During this time I served you as Secretary about 25 years, and thank God I am permitted to be with you today. I have stood with you all these years through hardships, toils, trials, disappointments and what not, while others, perhaps, have fallen asleep in Jesus' arms and others have fled and left us, but a few of us have hung on to the old Craft. Christ has said, the faithful ones are those who hold out to the end. Some perhaps, have predicted that our little ship, when she launched out, would shipwreck and would not reach the shore. We have been tossed by many winds and storms, passed through many difficult places, but we have held on to the old Ship until the dove has returned with the olive leaf in its

mouth, which tells us that land to possess is almost in sight. I have come to-day to tell you, if you say so, I will remain on board with you until we make the shore. I have come to-day with my prayers, my best thoughts and plans. This Association second to none in the state. I feel that it is founded upon a solid foundation. We have no bishops, priests or kings, but we are all brethren on the same level, occupying different functions. What we need to-day is not bosses but men filled with the Holy Ghost, not looking forward to selfish ends, but who are interested in the whole people. We believe in Baptist principles that teach, Whosoever repent, believe and is baptized shall be saved. Within the last century there has risen many creeds and doctrines, that have endeavored to upset our claims, but as the years rolled on they have failed to stand the test of time. The Baptist church has stood upon the first declaration founded in St. Matt. 3rd chapter and 2nd verse: Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The church has had many conflicts to stand against, still she holds on to the doctrine declared by Peter found in Acts 2nd chapter and 38th verse: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, to withstand the storms, shot and shell and the wiles of the devil. She still proclaims Him as the same old standing ground found in St. John 3rd chapter and 5th verse: Execept a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. She has not the time to discuss what others may think or claim, but upon this rock she will build her mansion and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her, for straight is the path and narrow is the way. She believes in the new birth and she believes in being buried in water. In every century since the Baptist Church came in existence there have been those who predicted the speedy downfall of the church. It would be curious to collect cartoons or a chain of such statements. There always have been opposers of the Baptist church, those who believed that its power is exhausted and its life coming to an end. That some larger, deeper, better form of religion was arriving to take its place. Agnosticism, Mancheeism, New Platonism, Mohammedanism is found in successive waves of thought over Christendom, but always the ark which bore the simple truth of Jesus, rose anew and floated above the deluge. Always the Son of Righteousness has poured out His light and heat over the world of human life and human thought, the doctrine of the old Baptist Church has come to stay. Our faith holds to the eternal truth behind all statements and thus the Missionary Baptist faith abides. While other believers changed their convictions, which once existed in reality of witchcraft, has passed away. The similar belief in possesion of demons, gained the confidence, attested by much evidence, that the kings touch could cure diseases, has disappeared. Persecution for opinions, once thought a duty both by Roman Catholics and protestants, has virtually come to an end in religion. Other opinions are fast following.

Many of those which were once held to be so orthodox that no man could be saved who did not believe them are neglect and forgotten. No one is too poor to do them reverence. Other doctrines worse than these are fast passing away. Where there be knowledge it shall vanish away, so declares Apostle Paul, pushing the sub-soil plow of his philosophy so deep as to turn up all the weeds of bigotry by the roots. There is something solemn, something sad in the decay and change of what men have believed, this passing away of beliefs and opinions in which they treasured their religious life. So it is to see the decline of great dynasties, the fall of mighty empires. Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage. Where are they? But still man has to stand on the summit of ecclesiastical history and see which of the world wide doctrines have sunk in the fast rolling current of years.

When the great belief was known that Christ was soon to appear in the visible heavens and judge the world in majesty and glory, this nation, once universal, sustained the souls of those who were persecuted for conscience

sake, and was a comfort to the hearts of the noble army of martyrs. Yet it is gone and gone forever.

We now see that Christ comes in the spirit of his religion, in progress of mankind in the emancipation of the slave, in tender humanities, toward the suffering. Wherever a new effort is made to soften the hard lot of the weak and the oppressed there is the coming of Christ. He comes in the spirit of all philanthropies and humanities. When the blind is made to see through the tip of their fingers, when the deaf is made to hear by reading from the movements of their lips, when the mission of war is alleviated by the Sanitary commissioners, when the poor is helped by co-operative associations. When Mr. Bruce sends the children out of the streets of New York to happy homes in the West, when Aunty Gwyne takes little orphans to warm hearts, when our friends Miss Batune, Miss Towne, Miss Braddy and others, go to teach Negro children of the South, when General Armstrong educates the Indians and colored children, when thus the blind are made to see and the deaf to hear and the dead in mind and heart are raised to life, then that will be heaven and the real coming of Christ. The old belief has passed away that a better one may take place. The thought that Jesus is to come hereafter as an outward king with visible pomp and splendor, though at present his kingdom is inward and spiritual. But now we see that Christ always comes by His spiritual presence in the mind and heart, that his joy is to reign in souls redeemed and sins forgiven, and that it would add nothing at all to his true glory to be made the visible Monarch of the outward universe. The timid is alarmed at the sight of all these changes and is afraid lest Christianity itself should pass away too. Is there anything certain? they ask; anything stable and firm, anything to which we may cling, an anchor that will hold? The Apostle answers yes, three things, faith, hope and love. Now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love. Then let love spread its wings until it shall reach every brother within our bounds in order that we may meet each other with that brotherly friendship that should exist among us.

REV. A. A. SMITH.

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## UNITY SERMON.

Unity—The union of a number of things; complete oneness of a collection of units or single things. The Bible teaches the unity of the Church and of the brotherhood of Christian men.

References:

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. (John 10:16.)

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another. (Rom. 12:5.)

For we, being many, are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. (I Cor. 10:17.)

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. (I Cor. 12:13, 14.)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28.)

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him. (Ephesians 1:10.)

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19.)

REV. H. A. SUTTON.

## EDUCATIONAL SERMON.

Subject: Education. Text: Hebrews 5:12-14. What is education? And what is its benefits. Education is the sense of ability won and concealed in the mind of every individual who has taken upon himself the responsibility of cultivating his or her brain to the usefulness that the times demand; the art of drawing out or developing the faculties; the training of human beings for the function for which they are destined. Education means the imparting or gaining of knowledge of every kind, good as well as evil.

But specifically, it signifies all that broadens a mans mind, disciplines his temper, develops his tastes, correct his manners and moulds his habits. In a still more limited sense it means any course of training pursued by parents, teachers or a whole community; to train the young physically, mentally and morally. The means employed in education falls naturally under two heads: discipline or moral training, and instruction or the imparting of information, though the two runs into each other. Under the head of discipline comes the forming of habits, self-control, obedience, civility, love of truth and reverence for what is good and great.

In respect to direct utility the things most necessary to know are those that bear most directly on the preservation of life and health, and the proper performance of the more common industrial labors. This involves a knowledge of all the bodies of which the universe is composed. In other words more or less of the knowledge which when put into systematic form is known as the sciences of physiology, natural philosophy and the other physical sciences. A knowledge of our moral relations. Besides a knowledge of the ordinary moral duties, the high religious sanctions with which they are enforced. This impels some acquaintance with the laws of economy. As a preliminary step and as the medium through which all other knowledge is conveyed there is required a knowledge of the mother-tongue and the faculty of reading and writing it.

Teaching is one of the most difficult arts and requires natural aptitude and acquired skill, the necessity of special study and practical training or apprenticeship to make a school master is a discovery of recent date, and has given rise to teacher seminaries or normal schools where they receive special instruction in the most approved methods of teaching and practice in their application.

Life is both a science and an art; one-half of man's life is spent in learning to read, the other half is spent in learning to tell. The New Testament makes this truth by the use of two words disciple and apostle.

The disciple is a learner, the apostle is a teacher. Life then may be defined as the science of learning to know, and the art of telling what we know.

First then, man is the scholar. The child's knowledge begins at zero. He learns to see, to hear, to eat, to walk, to read. He has to learn the sight, sound names and nature of every thing and creature in all the world. His task is infinite and life will prove too short for its accomplishment. If he lives out the allotted three score and ten at its end he will still be learning.

Born with a question, whence on his lips; and he dies with a question, whither upon his tongue. Man is a scholar.

REV. W. B. SASSER,
New Bern, N. C.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FROM OCT, 1, 1915, TO OCT. 1, 1916.

### Receipts.

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| Brought forward | $ 2.62 | |
| October 10, 1916— | | |
| From the Association | 171.27 | |
| From Eastern Union | 37.08 | |
| From Holloway & Murphy Bank | 100.00 | |
| From E. K. Patterson | 16.00 | |
| From J. A. McDaniel | 10.00 | |
| From J. H. Britt | 2.00 | |
| From R. H. Harper | 5.00 | |
| From Home Mission Convention, per R. H. Harper | 10.00 | |
| From the Association 1916 | 6.70 | $ 360.67 |

### Disbursements.

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| Paid Holloway & Murphy Bank | $ 100.00 | |
| Paid J. E. Hudson, insurance | 19.65 | |
| Paid Hines Bros., lumber | 5.20 | |
| Paid Hines Bros., ceiling | 15.00 | |
| Paid D. V. Dixon, doors and hinges | 6.18 | |
| Paid Hines Bros., lumber | 35.61 | |
| Paid E. K. Patterson | 2.50 | |
| Paid Hines Bros, lumber | 15.61 | |
| Paid D. V. Dixon | 3.50 | |
| Paid H. A. Sutton | 3.50 | |
| Paid Linseed oil, 60 gallons at 75 cents per gallon | 45.00 | |
| Paid White Lead, 500 pounds | 44.32 | |
| Paid Frank Brown for painting | 50.00 | |
| Paid Japan Dryer | .25 | |
| May 13, paid A. A. Smith | 2.00 | |
| June 3, paid A. A. Smith | 3.00 | |
| October 2, paid E. K. Patterson | 9.35 | $ 360.67 |

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following: Since our last sitting death has removed the following: Bro. Sam Lassiter, of Liberty Grove; Bro. W. W. Lawrence, of First Baptist, Kinston; Bro. Charles Henrihand, of Hickory Hill; Bro. Murry Patterson, of Banks Chapel. We feel them as our loss but heaven's gain.

G. J. JOHNSON,
REV. E. HOOKER,
BRO. J. F. BONDS,
BRO. W. M. JONES,
BRO. D. J. JOYNER,
BRO. R. R. RICHARDSON,
REV. R. McROBINSON,
Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS AND SALARY AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Officers, and Salary and Place report as follows: Place of next session Rountree, near Wilson, N. C., on Wednesday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1917.

For Moderator—A. A. Smith; Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. C. Carroll; Clerk—E. K. Patterson; Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. D. Hood; Treasurer—J. P. Thompson.

Executive Board—Rev. W. H. Bryant, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. R. B. Bizzell, Bro. H. D. Davis, Rev. C. H. Andrews, Rev. P. B. Bonds, B. W. Smith.
Trustee Board—Rev. R. H. Harper, J. H. Jones, J. W. Gorham, L. C. Cox.
Assistant Building Committee—Bro. W. E. Baker, Rev. C. C. Crawford, Bro. G. F. Hood, Bro. Ned Wooten, Bro. F. R. Nunn.

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows: As intemperance is a great injury we ask that Preachers, Teachers and others encourage Temperance in all things.

REV. C. D. DEW,
REV. A. R. BRYANT,
BRO. J. H. AYCOCK,
REV. R. B. BIZZELL,
REV. E. T. JONES,
BRO. ALLEN JOYNER,
BRO. C. L. BATTLE,
Committee.

## REPORT ON ORDINATION.

We, your Committee on Ordination, beg leave to report: We had before us our brother J. H. Britt and after an examination we recommend that he be ordained on his work to the work of the gospel ministry.

REV. W. H. BRYANT, Chmn.,
REV. R. C. CARROLL,
REV. P. B. BARNES,
REV. R. H. HARPER,
REV. W. B. SASSER, Secy.,
Committee.

## REPORT OF FIFTH UNION.

We beg leave to report as follows: Since last Association we have raised $19.80; expense paid out to churches $2.80; to Rev. R. Harper $2.00; Printing minutes $5.00; postage 25 cents; paid to ———— $9.80; total expense, $19.85. Donated for Education, $1.00. REV. C. D. DEW, Delegate.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN UNION.

Annual report of the Western Union ending July 30th, 1916:
Number churches enrolled, 11; numbers officers and members enrolled, 47.

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| Amount of money raised this year | $ 104.43 |
| Brought over from last year | 4.55 |
| Total | $ 108.98 |
| Disbursements are as follows: | |
| Union expenses | $ 27.76 |
| Donated to the different churches and those who preached | 31.94 |
| Donated to Rev. R. H. Harper | 5.80 |
| Paid to Rev. A. A. Smith, Educational money this year | 30.17 |
| Total disbursements | $ 95.67 |
| Leaving on hand: Educational money $2.00; Union money $11.99 | 13.99 |
| Total amount in the Treasury | $ 14.31 |

Officers of the Western Union—President, Deacon H. C. Carroll; Vice-President, Rev. H. B. Joyner; Secretary, H. Draughn; Assistant Secretary, W. J. Rogers; Treasurer, Deacon E. C. Foye.

Executive Board of the Western Union—Rev. R. C. Carroll, Chmn.; Deacon H. D. Davis, Deacon L. S. Swinson.

Missionary for the Western Union—Rev. A. R. Bryant.

REV. P. B. BARNES, Delegate.

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## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Bro. President, Vice Officer, and Members: I your delegate beg leave to report as follows: The Woman's Home Mission Convention sends greetings to this Association. We raised the amount of $51.00 in our Convention. After we settled the claim we turned over to the Trustee Board of the McDaniel School the sum of $10.00. I see the Conventions sends to this Association $2.00.

CORA A. SMITH, President, Delegate.

MRS. G. M. BRYANT, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF A. A. SMITH, PRESIDENT McDANIEL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Kinston, N. C., June 16, 1916.

To the Trustees and Directory Boards, Gentlemen:

I opened school at the McDaniel Industrial School, Kinston, N. C., October 3, 1915, and closed May 5th, 1916, making a term of seven and one-half months. My enrollment of students during the term was 65. Total amount of board money from students was ..... $ 484.23

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| Western Ministers and Deacons Union, repairs on building | 5.00 |
| Women's Home Missionary Society, repairs on building | 5.00 |
| Western Union Association, donation | 10.00 |
| Baptist State Convention at Wilmington, N. C | 2.00 |
| A lady in Roxbury, Mass. | 2.00 |
| A lady in Boston, Mass. | 2.00 |
| Other donations from friends at the Association at Pikeville | 2.00 |
| Concert at Dover, N. C | 10.00 |
| Concert at LaGrange, N. C | 15.20 |
| From Concert at Free-Will College | 6.25 |
| Other concerts at school building | 36.30 |
| Building committee | 12.25 |
| From Ministers and Deacons Union on Saturday | 27.00 |
| From Sunday School Convention | 20.00 |
| On Stone and carpenter work | 5.45 |
| From Bests Grove | 10.00 |
| Augusta Chapel | 14.00 |
| Banks Chapel | 4.00 |
| Holly Green | 12.20 |
| Saint Delight | 5.30 |
| Holly Hill | 4.41 |
| Atkinson Chapel | 2.75 |
| First Baptist, Dover | 6.25 |
| Liberty Grove | 12.60 |
| First Baptist, LaGrange | 3.00 |
| St. James, Kinston | 3.65 |
| First Baptist, Lucama | 2.41 |
| Shady Grove, Best, N. C. | 6.00 |
| Barnes Chapel | 5.05 |
| Rouse Chapel | 2.00 |
| Hooks Grove | 3.00 |

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| Mount Calvary, Goldsboro | 3.02 |
| Mount Pleasant | 10.00 |
| Davis Chapel | 2.00 |
| First Baptist, Kinston | 15.26 |
| Patterson Chapel | 2.00 |
| Hickory Hill | 1.60 |
| Eureka Baptist | 1.00 |
| Association | 40.00 |
| Total | $ 808.18 |

The following churches made no contribution: Round Tree, Winns Chapel, Living Hope, St. Stephen, St. James Goldsboro, Elm City, Washington, Speight Chapel, Little Creek, Mary's Grove, Piney Grove.

Next we will notice the expenses:

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| Ironing stove | $ 2.50 |
| Stove pipe | .45 |
| Paid carpenter | 5.45 |
| Bed ticking | 1.59 |
| Mattresses | 4.00 |
| Dishes | .80 |
| Garden from R. C. C. Crawford | 8.50 |
| Bedsteads | 10.50 |
| Chairs | 3.50 |
| Lamp shades | .85 |
| Ax handles | .30 |
| Cooking Range | 45.00 |
| Groceries and other expenses | 199.23 |
| Teachers' salaries | 150.00 |
| Groceries | 68.00 |
| Teachers' salaries | 200.00 |
| Door, hinges and locks | 2.25 |
| Ceiling and door framing | 4.85 |
| Prizes | 1.50 |
| To Free-Will College from Concert | 5.15 |
| Grocery bill | 72.00 |
| Carpenter work on building | 2.35 |

Brethren, the outlook with the assistance of the deacons and ministers is bright. With the litle indebtedness we owe and the growing interest of the school, if every one will lend their influence we are bound to succeed.

Having come thus far over the hindrances that confronted us, we would prove a set of cowards to stop our onward march. If you brethren will give the churches and people a chance to donate the support of the school is assured. Are there any differences among us? If so, let us bury them and all aim at the one sign-post—success.

Our school, a Missionary Baptist School, is the only one of its kind on a line of railroad within an extensive territory, something like a hundred miles for it to draw upon.

Brethren, I have somewhat tested the strength and resources of your institution. I find what we need is a united front and support of every pastor and deacon. Not only talk, but aid; not promises alone, but the forth coming of the cash itself. I do not want to say that I have discouraged the tendency or spirit among some of you, to want to clog the wheels of our institution and not let her go forward to the front, for your own selfish ends. If you will encourage the masses of the people and talk the school up among them, and not stand in the gate-way, the people will run the school, and no one will be hurt. It takes time, labor and sacrifice to build up any enterprise out of the matter of nothing. Do not tell me that the piegeon has not brought back the

olive leaf, which signifies that success is in sight. The ice has been broken, the light of day has been seen and the day star has been seen shining bright in the East. The wise men of the East and West that have been watching the onward march say they have seen the long-looked for star, and they are going in with their influence, with their church, Home Mission societies, Sabbath Schools, Union Meetings, supplications, prayers, faith and support. With all of these making for one source, with a little mite, what in the world can hinder our success? The outlook for a successful school the coming session was never brighter in its history.

I recommend—

1. An Educational Day, to be held among our churches, Sabbath Schools, and Home Mission Societies, between now and the first of February, 1917, and the same forwarded to the Principal.
2. That the ministers and deacons unions pay what they can from time to time on the amount promised, in order that the principal may receive help while his school is in session, to aid him in carrying on the school and have it out of the way of Sunday School Convention and Association.
3. That every pastor and deacon within our bounds solicit students for our school.
4. That pictures or portraits of the founders of our Association and school be secured and placed upon the walls of our chapel.
5. As soon as possible we start a campaign to erect an industrial building in order that our boys and girls may be able to learn trades.
6. That efforts be made the coming session of the legislature to have our school chartered.
7. A Building Committee.

Brethren, in conclusion, if there is any differences among us, let us throw them aside and unite as one man and lose sight of any particular man or his ideas and throw off our coats as it were and put our shoulders to the wheel and make our school a success. Your servant,

A. A. SMITH, President.

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## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, ieg leave to submit the following report:

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| Per capita tax | $ 318.15 |
| Annual joining fees and public collector | 114.75 |
| Total collected | $ 432.90 |
| Disbursed at the Association | 277.95 |
| Balance on hand | $ 154.95 |

C. C. EDWARDS,
JOE DAWSON,
H. C. CARROLL, Committee.

## GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator | $ 10.00 |
| Rev. A. A. Smith, balance on salary | 45.00 |
| Mr. J. H. Jones, Board Meeting and overdraft | 7.70 |
| Mr. J. H. Jones, President of School | 10.00 |
| Mr. C. C. Edwards, Board Meeting | 1.50 |
| Mr. E. D. Boykin, for balance due Bessie Brown | 12.65 |
| Rev. R. C. Carroll, Assistant Moderator | 2.00 |
| Deacon Clylos Bryant | 2.50 |
| Deacon James Hargett | 2.50 |
| Deacon C. Hamilton | 2.50 |

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| Mr. E. D. Kornegay, Board Meeting | 2.30 |
| Mr. L. C. Cox, Board meeting | 2.30 |
| Mr. J. C. Barnes, Assistant Clerk | 1.00 |
| Rev. W. H. Bryant, part payment on note | 136.70 |
| Mr. E. K. Patterson, Clerk and Programs | 12.50 |
| Elder Alonza Daniels | 2.50 |
| Rev. R. H. Harper | 5.60 |
| Deacon Jack Manley | 2.50 |
| Deacon Lamb Brown | 2.50 |
| Deacon C. Gills | 2.50 |
| Deacon Jack Wooten | 2.50 |
| Rev. J. F. Hills | 4.00 |
| Rev. A. A. Smith on stove pipe | .45 |
| Organist Hickory Hill church | 1.50 |
| Sexton | 1.50 |

## CONSTITUTION OF BEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors to encourage Christian education in general, to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sabbath School in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teachings of the Word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons, chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $1.00 annually; Licentiate Ministers, 50 cents annually; Deacons 25 cents annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of one ($1.00) dollar down and one ($1.00) dollar annually thereafter. Said monies to maintain a superannuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually. After they are paid balance of funds shall go for Education.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of nine members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of this body; in observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies respecting the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of this Association, and make reports to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association or any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of no church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose, and if received, the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing twenty-five (25c.) cents to the member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, save that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Temperance, Doctrinal, Educational and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## ARTICLE XX.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Bear Creek Association school property to look after the property of the school, to consist of seven members, and meet when necessary; term fixed by the Association.

Sec. 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members, whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association, and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

Sec. 3. Any member or church connected with this Association can take shares in the school property for the amount of from $5.00 to $100.00, and can sell it to one that is connected with the Association.

Sec. 4. Each Church in the Bear Creek bounds shall take up a special collection during the month of January and forward it to the Principal of the school.

## RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCH.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meeting in the year whenever requested.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular Conference meeting; and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference the pastor in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion; when seconded, shall be debated, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on the subject, unless by permission of the church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members before the complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instruction of the Lord, found in the 18th chapter of Matthew 16th, 17th and 18th verses; and the public offenses, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.
2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.
3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.
5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.
6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.
7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.
8. After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.
9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.
10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.
11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

## CHURCH LETTER.

Name of Church .....

Pastor .....

Post office .....

Clerk .....

Number of Communicants.....

Funds Sent .....$.....

Number of Members received.....

Number of Members Excommunicated.....

Number of Members deceased.....

Number of Members transferred.....

Number of Deacons paid annual fees.....

Amount donated for McDaniel School.....$.....

Amount donated for Foreign Missions.....$.....

Amount donated for Home Missions.....$.....

Total amount donated for Education.....$.....

Value of Church Building and Furniture.....$.....

Pastor's Salary .....$.....

Days of Worship .....

Oother remarks: .....

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Done by order of ..... this

..... day of ..... 191....

..... Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE. | PASTOR. | CLERK. | Number Communicants. | Received by Baptism. | Received by Experience. | Dismissed. | Deceased. | Excommunicated. | Deacons Paid. | Number Transferred. | Days of Worship. | Funds sent. | Amount sent McDaniel School. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | Pastor's salary. | Value of Church property. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Calvary—Goldsboro | Rev. I. S. Reddick | Hattie E. Bryant | 30 | 30 | 3 | ... | 2 | 40 | 2 | ... | 2-3 | $19.59 | $..... | $..... | $ .60 | $ 300 | $ 1025.00 |
| Hickory Hill—Greenville | Rev. W. A. Bryant | W. O. Hardy | 60 | 31 | 1 | ... | 4 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9.00 | ..... | 7.03 | ..... | 250 | 1800.00 |
| Shady Grove—LaGrange | Rev. J. D. Hood | Thomas Wooten | 39 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 6 | ... | 1 | 5.85 | ..... | 5.00 | 10.00 | 105 | 1000.00 |
| Penny Grove—Fountain | Rev. P. T. Beaman | Henry Stewart | 33 | ... | 8 | ... | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4.95 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 | 175.00 |
| Little Creek—Walstonburg | Rev. P. T. Beaman | Frank Ellis | 29 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 4.35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 | 75.00 |
| First Baptist, Eureka—Fremont | Rev. C. H. Andrews | J. T. Spruill | 29 | ... | 4 | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | 1 | 4.35 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70.00 |
| Rouse Chapel—LaGrange | Rev. R. C. Carroll | N. A. Suggs | 117 | ... | 2 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 17.65 | 2.25 | ..... | ..... | 120 | 1500.00 |
| Hooks Grove—Pikeville | Rev. R. C. Carroll | J. H. Aycock | 75 | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1000.00 |
| Barnes Chapel—Goldsboro | Rev. R. C. Carroll | J. C. Barnes | 77 | ... | 15 | ... | ... | 7 | 5 | ... | 2 | 11.55 | 8.05 | ..... | 6.30 | 125 | 1500.00 |
| Mount Zion—Kinston | Rev. H. Dudley | D. C. Shepard | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 1.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| First Baptist at Lucama—Lucama | Rev. R. C. Crockett | C. R. Bailey | 43 | ... | 10 | ... | 1 | ... | 3 | ... | 4 | 6.45 | ..... | ..... | 3.00 | 96 | 700.00 |
| Southern Grove—Kenly | Rev. R. M. C. Robinson | M. T. Harris | 21 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 4 | 2 | ... | 2 | 3.15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 52 | 100.00 |
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